

REGULATION 33B

Notes to paragraph (5)

Reports by special practitioner of default by contact.—A contact commits an offence against the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, for which the punishment is prescribed by Regulation 92, if he either (1) fails to attend for or to submit to medical examination when required to do so by a notice in Form 1 personally served on him as required by paragraph (2), above; or (2) fails to attend for or to submit to medical examination in contravention of any treatment notice (see paragraph (3), above); or (3) fails to comply with any directions given by the practitioner who is treating him pursuant to the treatment notice; or (4) fails to attend the special practitioner named in a transfer notice he has given within seven days, contrary to paragraph (4) above.

It is only in regard to (2) and (3) that the present paragraph applies, and the sole duty imposed on the special practitioner is that of reporting the default. It must, however, be emphasized that the Regulation does not leave him any discretion. It does not give him a right to report defaults but imperatively requires that he shall do so. If, default having occurred, the special practitioner failed to report it, he would himself be committing an offence against the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

The enforcement of the Regulation is dealt with in the next issue.

MEDICAL SOCIETY for the STUDY of VENEREAL DISEASES

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

All General Meetings will be held at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1, on Saturdays at 2.30 p.m. The Annual General Meeting in July will be held at 2.0 p.m.

May 29 Subject: *Trichomonas Vaginalis Infestation.*

Speakers: Sqn./ldr. Jean Morton and Capt. Eva Gallagher.

June 26 Subject: *The Use and Significance of Serum Tests for Syphilis.*

Speakers: Col. L. W. Harrison and Lt.-Col. T. E. Osmond.

July 24 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Business Meeting at 2.0 p.m.

Subject: *Hyperthermia in the Treatment of Resistant Gonococcal and Non-Specific Urethritis.*

Speakers: Lt.-Col. A. J. King, Major D. I. Williams and Capt. C. S. Nicol.

Followed by a paper on *Physiological Changes in Fever Treatment* by Capt. J. Wallace and Lieut. S. R. Bushby.

“SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION”

By well-chosen changes of sequence this film shows a doctor raising the question of venereal diseases for one of the weekly discussions that have been instituted by the occupants of a Wardens' post. The Senior Warden, an elderly man, objects to the topic being discussed in front of a mixed audience but is converted by the sincerity and truth of the doctor's words. Emphasis is laid on the danger to others resulting from untreated venereal diseases and the importance of early treatment. The film is not sensational or over-sentimental and should be of considerable help in the campaign against venereal diseases recently inaugurated and sponsored by the Ministry of Health.

The film gains appreciably because professional actors are employed, which gives it a welcome degree of polish which has been lacking in some other films recently.

Treatment of congenital v. adult syphilis

“I believe you will agree that the problem of treating congenital syphilis is entirely different from that of adult syphilis, possibly because of the uncertain line of demarcation of stages in the former. In congenital syphilis it frequently takes weeks and months before a definite diagnosis is established. During this period valuable time is lost while the disease progresses. It is my hope that we may learn to diagnose congenital syphilis much earlier than we are doing today.”
—Dr. Samuel J. Hoffman of Chicago in discussion of a paper on Congenital and Acquired Syphilis in Infants and Children before the American Medical Association, June, 1942.